Managing Water in the West

MT DROUGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

RESERVOIR AND RIVER OPERATIONS

April 19, 2007









U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation

Managing Water in the West

Summary of Reservoir Conditions

April 17, 2007 April-July Forecast 1,000 Acre-Feet

RESERVOIR NAME	CONTENT KAF	% OF AVG	SNOW WATER CONTENT	% OF AVG	APR-JUL KAF FORECAST	% OF AVG
Clark Canyon	129,697	84	10.2	68	39	34
Canyon Ferry	1,587,186	109	12.4	69	1,205	59
Gibson	28,997	30	8.9	70	374	78
Lake Elwell	678,860	99	16.7	78	334	69
Lake Sherburne	21,374	105	23.0	79	93	89
Fresno Reservoir	87,823	142	N.A.	N.A	56	59
Bighorn Lake	805,888	98	11.4	77	727	61



U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation

Managing Water in the West

Lima Reservoir

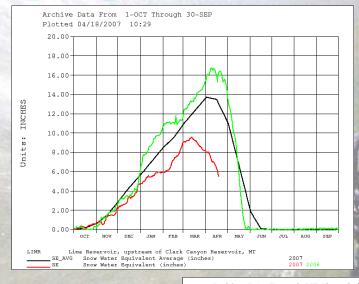
Inflows to Lima are about 585 cfs

Snowpack @ 42% of average

Storage @ 129% of average & 74% full

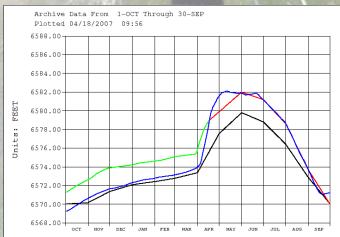
Releases are being maintained @ about 25 cfs

Water supply outlook is similar to that experienced last year and water users expect to fill Lima in 2007





U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation



Lima Reservoir, upstream of Clark Canyon Reservoir, MT FB_OPAV Operation Model Average Forebay Elevation (feet) Most Probable Forebay Elevation (feet) Reservoir Forebay Elevation (feet)

Managing Water in the West

Clark Canyon Reservoir

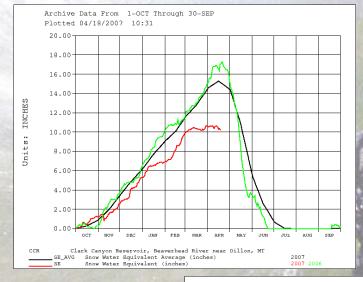
Inflows to Clark Canyon are 36% of average

Snowpack @ 68% of average

Storage @ 129,697 af, 84% of average, 74% full, and 3.6 ft or 15,500 af more than last year

Releases maintained @ 25-30 cfs

Water supply outlook is much better than in past recent years and EBID & CCWSC are expected to receive full water supplies in 2007





U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation



Clark Canyon Reservoir, Beaverhead River near Dillon, MT FB_OPAV Operation Model Average Forebay Elevation (feet Most Probable Forebay Elevation (feet) Reservoir Forebay Elevation (feet)

2007

Managing Water in the West

Hebgen Reservoir (PPL-MT)

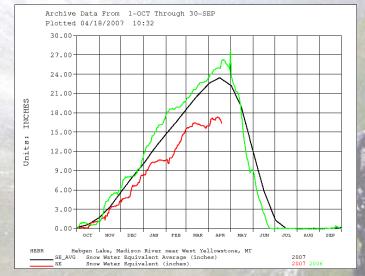
Currently releasing 820 cfs to Madison River

Snowpack @ 70% of average

Storage @ 106% of average & 73% full

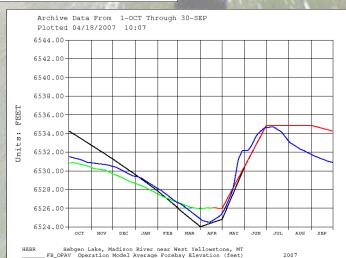
Reservoir is currently at a low elevation at 6526 & expect to fill the reservoir to 6535 by late June and maintain it full all summer

Water supply outlook is fair





U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation



Managing Water in the West

Canyon Ferry Reservoir

Snowpack @ 69% of average

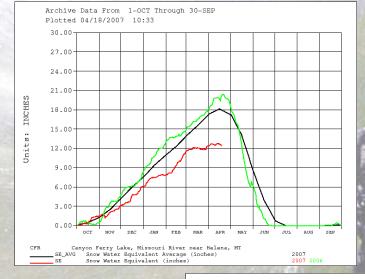
Storage @ 109% of average, 84% full, & 10.1 ft higher than last year

Releases maintained @ near 3,700 cfs below Holter Dam

Expect storage to fill to normal full pool by end of June

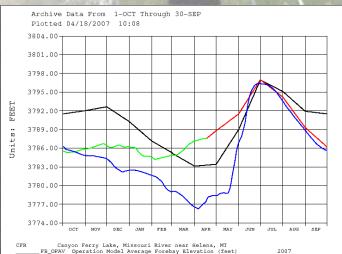
During spring runoff, releases out of Canyon Ferry may be increased to full capacity of 5,800 cfs or higher to control the rate of fill

Water supply outlook is fair





U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation



Most Probable Forebay Elevation (feet) Reservoir Forebay Elevation (feet)

2007

Managing Water in the West

Gibson Reservoir

Inflows continue to be below normal

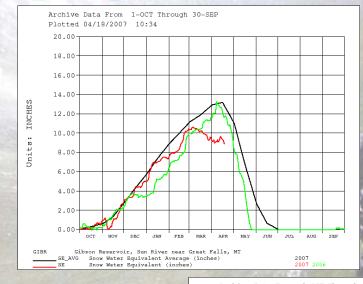
Snowpack @ 70% of average

Storage @ 112% of average, 59% full, and 33.6 ft or 28,100 af higher than last year

Storages in Willow Creek & Pishkun Reservoirs are essentially full

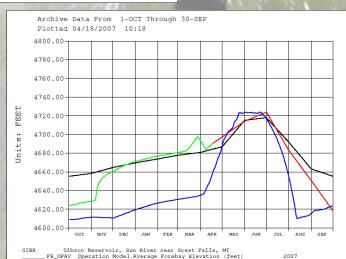
Releasing 250 cfs to Sun River

Expect to fill Gibson but with little snowpack and lack of precipitation this summer, water users could experience late water shortages





U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation



Managing Water in the West

Tiber Reservoir

Inflows continue to be below normal

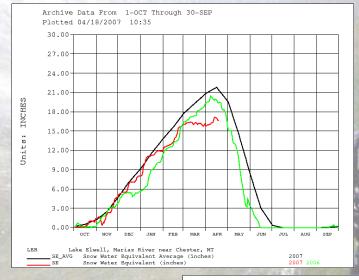
Snowpack @ 78% of average

Storage @ 99% of average, 73% full and 5.3 ft lower than last year

Plans are to continue releasing the desired minimum flow of 500 cfs all year

Expect to fill Tiber to within 3-4 feet of normal full pool in June

Water supply outlook is fair





U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation



2007

FB_OPAV Operation Model Average Forebay Elevation (feet)

Managing Water in the West

Lake Sherburne

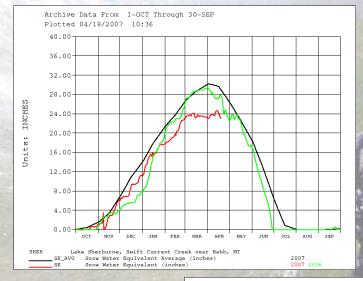
Inflows are near to above normal

Snowpack @ 80% of average

Storage @ 105 percent of average, 32% full, and 0.3 feet or 300 af lower than last year

Releases from Lake Sherburne are 350 cfs and we are currently diverting water from St. Mary River Basin to Milk River @ rate of 500 cfs

Water supply outlook is good





U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation



Managing Water in the West

Fresno Reservoir

Currently diverting 500 cfs from St. Mary Basin to Milk River

Storage @ 142% of average, 95% full, and 0.2 ft or 800 af higher than last year

Currently releasing 450 cfs to the Milk River

Storage is expected to the top of the normal full pool @elevation 2575 in late April or early May

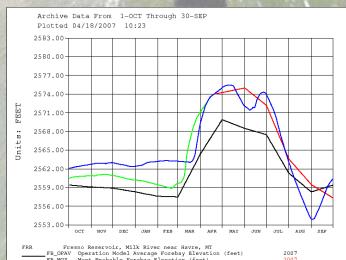
Water supply outlook is good

No irrigation shortages are anticipated this year





U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation



Managing Water in the West

Bighorn Lake (Yellowtail Reservoir)

Inflow @ about 60% of average

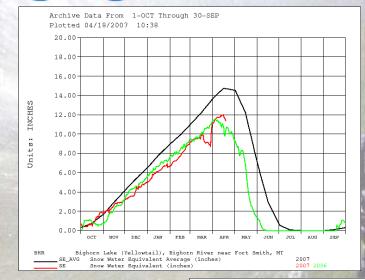
Snowpack @ 79% of average

Storage @ 98% of average, 75% full, and 0.6 feet higher than last year

Releasing 1,500 cfs to Bighorn River

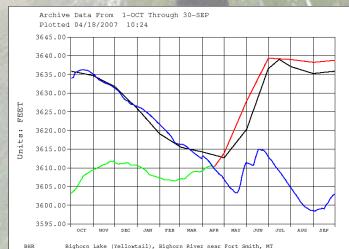
Water supply outlook is fair

Expect to fill Bighorn Lake this spring and maintain a release of 2,000 cfs or higher all year





U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation



FB_OPAV Operation Model Average Forebay Elevation (feet)

FB_MOS Most Probable Forebay Elevation (feet)

Managing Water in the West

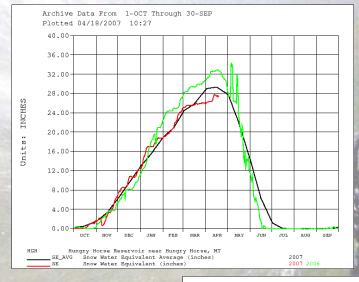
Hungry Horse Reservoir

Snowpack @ 94% of average

Storage @ 140% of average & 84% full

Releasing 3,000 cfs to river

Plan to fill Hungry Horse by the end of June





U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation



FB_OPAV Operation Model Average Forebay Elevation (feet) FB_MOS Most Probable Forebay Elevation (feet) FB Reservoir Forebay Elevation (feet)